BOMBAY ACT No. XVII OF 1950.[1]

[THE BOMBAY LOCAL AUTHORITIES ADULT FRANCHISE AND REMOVAL OF RESERVATION OF SEATS ACT, 1950.]

[*2nd May 1950*]

An Act to provide for adult franchise in elections to, and for the removal of reservation of seats except for women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in, local authorities in the State of Bombay.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for adult franchise in elections to local authorities and to remove the reservation of seats for certain classes :

Bom. III of 1901. Bom. VI of 1923. Bom. XVIII of 1925. Bom. VI of 1933.

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend the Bombay District Municipal Act, 1901, the Bombay Local Boards Act, 1923, the Bombay Municipal Boroughs Act, 1925, and the Bombay Village Panchayats Act, 1933, for that purpose and for certain other purposes ; It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. This Act may be called the Bombay Local Authorities Adult Franchise and Removal of Reservation of Seats Act, 1950. Short title.

2–7. [*The amendments made by sections 2–7 (both inclusive) have been incorporated in the Bombay District Municipal Act, 1901 (Bom. III of 1901), the Bombay Local Boards Act, 1923 (Bom. VI of 1923), the Bombay Municipal Boroughs Act, 1925 (Bom. XVIII of 1925), and the Bombay Village Panchayats Act, 1933 (Bom. VI of 1933).*]

8. Nothing in this Act shall affect the right of any Councillor or member elected to fill the seats reserved for Muslims or Muhammedans, Anglo-Indians or Indian Christians to continue as a Councillor or member of a municipality, local board or village panchayat, as the case may be, during the term of the office for which he was validly elected before this Act came into force. Saving.

[1] For Statement of Objects and Reasons, *see Bombay Government Gazette*, 1950 Part V, pp. 186–187.